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KEEP STILL!

THAT'S BETTER...

HA HA!

SOMEHOW THE WOAD HAS CONTRIVED TO MAKE YOU YET ***MORE*** GRIM-FACED, MY LORD.

I KNOW NOT WHAT YOU MEAN.

I HAVE FORE'ER LOST YOU TO YOUR BROODING, IT SEEMS...

I'M SORRY, MY LOVE, BUT YOU SPEAK TRUE--

I AM CONCERNED.

WE HAVE ACHIEVED MUCH. AND YET...

YOU AND THE ERLKING ARE MUCH ALIKE.

HAUNTED BY THAT WHICH YOU DO NOT YET KNOW...

LORD, AURELIANUS!

WE...MUST SPEAK!

DIVICIACUS SERVES THE MOTHER, AND THESE ISLES, ABOVE ALL ELSE. YOU SHOULD HEED HIM AS I DO.

GO TO HIM, MY KING.

IT SEEMS THAT EVEN ***HERE*** THERE IS NO LONGER ANY SANCTUARY FOR ME!

OI! SCUD-RAGS!

THINK YOU LOT CAN JUST GO WHEREVER YOU BLOODY WELL LIKE NOW, DO YOU?

PLEASE, SIR! LET US PASS... WE WISH YOU NONE ILL.

THE KING SAYS...

DO I LOOK LIKE I GIVE A ***TOSS*** WHAT OUR GODLESS KING SAYS?

YOU'RE ***PAGAN SCUM,*** AND DESERVE WHAT'S COMING TO YOU.

WATCH YOUR BACKS!

I HAVE SEEN IT. THIS ***GREAT LOVE*** OF YOURS CANNOT BE, THOUGH IT BREAKS MINE HEART TO UTTER IT.

YOU HAVE TO ***LET HER GO,*** MY KING.

SO THAT I MIGHT WED THE ***SAXON*** PRINCESS?

I KNOW YOU BELIEVE THAT, DIVICIACUS.

BUT IS DANUNNOS HERSELF NOT PAGAN?

WOULDST IT NOT UNITE OUR PEOPLE SHOULD I WED HER INSTEAD?

IT WOULDST NOT, GOOD KING!

IT WOULD AS LIKE SET YOUR OWN PEOPLE AGAINST YOU FOREVER!

AS OF NOW THERE IS STILL ***HOPE...***

THERE ***MUST*** BE SOME OTHER WAY?

I IMPLORE YOU...SEEK THOU ANOTHER PATH FOR ME.

I HAVE WITNESSED ***MANY*** PATHWAYS, BUT IN THIS ONE ASPECT THEY ARE ***ALL*** CONSTANT.

IF I COULD BUT CHANGE IT BY FORCE OF WILL, I SHOULD RAISE THE ARMIES OF THE FAE AND STRIKE OUT ACROSS THE WORLD TO SPARE YOU!

BUT ALAS, I CANNOT.

I AM SORRY MY LORD.

WINCHESTER.

ON MY LIFE, KENTIGERN, SAY IT IS NOT SO!

TO MEET WITH THE *SAXON KING*...

...IS WHAT *MY HOLY* CALLING DEMANDED, GENERAL ATILIUS!

WELL I KNOW YOU LOVE THE KING, BROTHER!

BUT I TOO KNOW THE *HOLY ROMAN CHURCH* NESTLES WITHIN THE FAIR BOSSOM OF YOUR NOBLE HEART.

BUT IF THE SAXON KING EMBRACES THE CHURCH, THEN...

...THEN THIS FAIR COUNTRY IS UNITED *UNDER CHRIST,* AND WE CAN DRIVE OUT THE PAGAN INFIDELS ONCE AND FOR ALL!

COME, FRIEND.

I DID WHAT I HAD TO FOR THE LORD OUR GOD.

BUT, THERE IS AS YET TIME FOR AURELIANUS TO LEARN THE GRAVE ERROR OF HIS WAYS.

WE MUST CONTINUE TO PRESS HIM 'PON IT!

TRAITOR!

YOU'D SACRIFICE YOUR OWN *KING* FOR *POWER*, PRIEST?

YOU *FOLLOWED* ME HERE?

HOW LIKE A PAGAN TO SKULK IN THE SHADOWS AS *VERMIN*...

YOU DO YOUR FAITH A GREAT DISSERVICE--

IF, INDEED, YOU TRULY BELIEVE IN THE NEW GOD AT ALL!

WAIT UNTIL THE *KING* HEARS...

STOP!

THERE'S NO OTHER WAY OUT OF HERE, DRUIDESS...

"IT SEEMS WE'RE AT AN IMPASSE..."

HERE!
I'M HERE!
SHUK

DANUNNOS!!!

MOVE ASIDE, *OAK-KNOWER!*

'TIS DANNUNOS...I DREAMED THAT AN AVENGING ANGEL *IMPALED* HER, AND I AM *AFEARED* FOR HER LIFE!

NAY. BE STILL, MY KING!

BUT... NOW, SURELY YOU *SEE*, MY LORD?

THAT THE DREAM *CONFIRMS* ALL THAT I HAVE TOLD YOU?

THAT YOU *MUST* LET HER GO.

HER DEATH IN THE DREAM WAS SYMBOLIC.

IT... WAS AS THOUGH MY OWN *HEART* WERE CUT IN TWO BY THAT FIERY BLADE...

I CAN'T DO THIS. I LOVE HER SO.

I KNOW, DEAR KING.

AND YET...

...YOU *MUST.*

FORGIVE ME, SIR, FOR THOUGH YOU ARE NO ENEMY OF MINE, STILL, I NEEDS MUST REMOVE YOU FROM EVENTS *YET TO PASS.*

THE OAK SPEAR IS TEMPERED WITH *MUCGWYRT, WEGBRADE* AND *ATROPOS BELLADONNA,* THE NIGHTSHADE.

AND SO I THINK...

ARGHHHH!

HUK

DANU---NNOS--- HELLLP M---MEEE---

I CANNOT LET YOU LEAVE, LADY DANUNNOS.

NOT UNTIL WE ARE SWORN TO AN AGREED SOLUTION TO THIS PREDICAMENT.

WE ARE ALL ***REASONABLE*** PERSONS...

DON'T BE A ***FOOL,*** GENERAL!

YOU CAN'T TRUST THIS ***GODLESS HEATHEN!***

SILENCE, TRAITOR!

GENERAL ATILIUS IS RIGHT.

'TRUST', HE SAYS!

IF YOU ***TRULY*** LOVE YOUR KING, GENERAL, YOU'LL ESCORT THIS TREACHEROUS MONK TO THE SAXONS, AND SURRENDER HIM TO THEIR WHIMS.

THAT, OR ***KILL*** HIM YOURSELF.

I KNOW NOT ***WHAT*** TO THINK...I DO LOVE MY KING. BUT KENTIGERN IS TRAITOR TO...***WHOM,*** EXACTLY, IF HE SERVES THE ONE TRUE GOD.

SO THEN, IT IS DECIDED...

...I'LL KILL HIM!
CLANG

BOK

YOU STUPID, STUPID BITCH!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

IT WOULD HAVE ALL BEEN AS IT SHOULD BE!

A CHRISTIAN BRITAIN!

THE PAGANS, AND THEIR ERLKING DEOFOL, DRIVEN BACK TO THEIR HAUNTS!

YOU'VE MADE A FUGITIVE OF ME.

DRAW WHAT SCANT PLEASURE YOU MIGHT FROM THAT AS YOU DIE HERE...

"...ALONE."

M...MOVE...
ASSSIDE...

TH..THERE
ISSS...*TREACHERY*
AT PLAY...

I
MUST...

BACK,
VILE GHOUL!
BEGONE!

I SAID THEE
BEGONE!

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